

REMARKS

Applicants hereby submit a Request for Continued Examination simultaneously with this Amendment E After RCE to re-open prosecution after the decision of the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences. After entry of this Amendment E After RCE, claims 19-23, and 25 will be pending. Pursuant to the decision of the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences dated June 12, 2008, and further, to the telephone conference of August 5, 2008 between Examiner Sheikh and Applicants' agent, Ms. Jeannie Boettler, Applicants have amended claim 19 to put claim 19 and all of its dependent claims in condition for allowance. Specifically, claim 19 has been amended to be in independent form, including all limitations of the claims from which it previously depended. Furthermore, claim 23 and its dependent claim, claim 25, are in condition for allowance. Claims 1-18, 24, and 26-27 have been cancelled. No new matter has been added by these amendments.

In view of the above, Applicants respectfully request favorable reconsideration and allowance of all pending claims. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fee in connection with this Amendment E After RCE to Deposit Account No. 01-2384.

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